

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2008, claims 29, 32, 33, 40 and 41 have been canceled and claims 27, 34, 35, and 42 have been amended. Claims 27, 28, 30, 31, 34-39 and 42-44 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. The Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for clarifying the language of the claims and facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

III. ARGUMENT

The Final Office Action indicates that claims 33-34 and 41-42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended the independent claims to recite the limitations of claims 33 and 41, and therefore submits that the case is in condition for allowance.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

It is believed that no fees are due at this time. Nonetheless, should any charges be deemed necessary, please charge any such fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0494 of Gates & Cooper LLP.

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